Clerk & Recorder Records

Activity Overview

The Recording Activity within the Clerk & Recorder's Office is responsible for the recording, indexing, safe keeping of land, county and birth / death documents. The activity also is responsible for the recording, transcribing and maintenance of minutes for the County Commission.

Fees collected by the Clerk and Recorders' - Recording Activity generate a net income to the County General Fund and the Records Preservation Fund, as shown in the budget information on the next page. These revenues offset some of the costs associated with the other Clerk & Recorder activities (Accounting and Elections).

The budget includes the Records Preservation Fund revenues that are reported and segregated in a separate fund. This fund allows the County to keep county records in a proper and professional manner. Expenses in this fund assist the Clerk and Recorder in preservation of records within the department and provide services to customers by:

- Replacement of computers;
- Purchase new document management software;
- Maintenance of equipment;
- Conversion of microfilm to digital format;
- Repair and preservation of historical paper records; and,
- Set aside funds for future needs (shelving, cabiners, updates and equipment.

The Records Preservation Fund is used for operating and capital expenses with no money being used to pay wages or salaries of the Recording Activity Personnel.

Activity Goals

- Maintain under a two week turn around time for returning documents to customers.
- Improve public access to records through electronic media (website, road petition database and vitals database).
- Convert remaining microfilmed records to digital images for use with the CRIS+plus system.
- Migrate GIS data to geodatabase.

Recent Accomplishments

- Maintained under two week turn around time for returning documents.
- Improved public access to certain records through electronic media – Commission minutes available via internet.
- Converted existing microfilmed records to digital images for use with CRIS+plus.
- Completed countywide parcel mapping project.
- Mailed approximately 4,000 tax notices to RID Maintenance owners.
- Completed conversion of Document Indexing databases ti CRUS+plus.
- Have increased revenues to the General Fund and Records Preservation Fund by recording 31,300 documents with an average of 161 documents per day being processed.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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Object of Expenditure		Department Budget Actual Budget Actual F					Daguest	_			Final		
		ı	FY 2004		Budget FY 2005		FY 2005		Request FY 2006	r	reliminary FY 2006		FY 2006
Personnel		\$	374,156	\$	437,158	\$	421,652	\$	426,485	\$	439,540	\$	444,602
Operations			137,977		405,218		143,407		356,096		356,096		356,096
Debt Service Capital Outlay			73,400		291,500		- 65,000		402,500		402,500		369,876
Transfers Out			-		-		-		-		-		-
	Total	\$	585,533	\$	1,133,876	\$	630,059	\$	1,185,081	\$	1,198,136	\$	1,170,574
Budget by Fund Group													
General Fund		\$	459,233	\$	531,355	\$	503.759	\$	532,140	\$	520,860	\$	525,922
Special Revenue Funds		•	126,300	•	602,521	•	126,300	·	652,941	•	677,276	•	644,652
Debt Service Funds			-		-		-		-		-		-
Capital Project Funds			-		-		-		-		-		-
Enterprise Funds			-		-		-		-		-		-
Internal Service Funds Trust & Agency Funds			-		-		-		-		-		-
	Total	\$	585,533	\$	1,133,876	\$	630,059	\$	1,185,081	\$	1,198,136	\$	1,170,574
Funding Sources													
Tax Revenues		\$	(166,730)	\$	(322,871)	\$	(179,409)	\$	(75,800)	\$	(92,820)	\$	(77,401
Non-Tax Revenues		*	743,987	+	1,440,719	-	800,562	*	820,000	+	797,276	*	798,208
Cash Reappropriated			8,277		16,028		8,906		440,881		493,680		449,767
	Total	\$	585,533	\$	1,133,876	\$	630,059	\$	1,185,081	\$	1,198,136	\$	1,170,574

Department Personnel

Р	Personnel Summary								
	No	FT/PT	Title	FTE					
	1	Full-Time	Elected Clerk & Recorder/Surveyor	1.00					
	1	Full-Time	Recording Supervisor	1.00					
	1	Full-Time	GIS Technician	1.00					
	7	Full-Time	Support Staff	7.00					
	1	Part-Time	Support Staff	0.50					
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			Total Program FTE	10.50					

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2006 Budget Highlights

Personnel

 Upgrade of Personnel to meet Target Market study. Clerk & Recorder / Surveyor salary increased effective October 1st to compensate for duties as Election Administrator

Operations

• No significant changes in operations.

Capital

County Commission Goals/Department Response

The County Commission established a set of overarching goals for the county government. Listed below are the County Commission's goals, followed by the methods by which the Clerk & Recorder Records department is striving to fulfill those goals.

Exceptional Customer Service

· Knowledgeable, friendly, helpful staff.

Be Model for Excellence in Government

- Clear, consistent, accurate, accessible records.
- Accurately account for all revenue.

Improve Communications

- Internal Department communication.
- Communication with the public.
- Meet Statutory requirements related to the recording of documents.
- Prepare long-term growth plan for the department.

To be the Employer of Choice

• Staff has training opportunities available to them.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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WORKLOAD INDICATORS/PERFORMANCE MEASURERS

Workload Indicators					
Indicator		Actual FY 2003	Actual FY 2004	Actual FY 2005	Projected FY 2006
1.					
2.					

Performance Measures

Measure	Actual FY 2003	Actual FY 2004	Actual FY 2005	Projected FY 2006
1 . Track workflow and check records				
2 . Completed development plan to Clerk & Recorder				
3 . Employee performance measures to show need for training				
4. Usage of department communication forum				
5 . Percent of parcels entered into digital plat books				
6 . Completion of cash handling policy for department				
7 . Amount of information available on the website				
8 . Training curriculum established				

Commentary